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please refer to:

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TO: All Contracting Parties;  
Representatives of SC; and  
Representatives of WG-RBMS

Dear Colleagues,

**Subject:** Provisional Agenda – *NAFO Joint Commission-Scientific Council Working Group on Risk-Based Management Strategies (WG-RBMS) Meeting*

Further to NAFO/24-124 of 09 May 2024, and pursuant to Rule 4.2 of the NAFO Rules of Procedure: Commission, please find enclosed the provisional agenda for the *NAFO Joint Commission-Scientific Council Working Group on Risk-Based Management Strategies (WG-RBMS) Meeting*, 08–10 August 2024 in Bergen, Norway.

All relevant meeting documentation will be accessible on the NAFO Meetings SharePoint at <https://meetings.nafo.int/wgs/rbms> as it becomes available.

As adopted at the 2023 Annual Meeting of NAFO, the guidelines for classification of working documents reads “*The Contracting Party submitting a Working Paper is responsible to designate that Working Paper as “open access” and made available to the general public on the NAFO website prior to the meeting. If the Contracting Party does not make such a designation, then it will not be made available to the general public on the NAFO website prior to the meeting.*”

For logistical purposes, we would appreciate receiving from Contracting Parties the names of delegates planning to participate in the meeting.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Brynhildur Benediktsdóttir  
Executive Secretary

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Enclosed: Provisional Agenda; Tentative Timetable and General Information (04 pgs.)

*NAFO Joint Commission-Scientific Council Working Group on Risk-Based Management Strategies  
(WG-RBMS) Meeting*

08–10 August 2024  
Bergen, Norway

**Provisional Agenda**

- 1. Opening by co-Chairs, Fernando González-Costas (European Union) and Ray Walsh (Canada)**
- 2. Appointment of Rapporteur**
- 3. Adoption of Agenda**
- 4. Finalization of the MSE process for 2+3KLMNO Greenland halibut**

*Progress on the Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) process for 2+3KLMNO Greenland halibut, will be discussed with the goal to finalize and recommend a Management Strategy to the Commission. Changes to the NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures will also be required as a result of the finalization of the MSE process. A new protocol for exceptional circumstances will also be discussed as part of the MSE process.*

- 5. Application of the 2+3KLMNO Greenland halibut Management Strategy**

*The Scientific Council will monitor the status of Greenland halibut in Subarea 2 + Divs. 3KLMNO. Noting the discussions that took place at the April 2024 WG-RBMS meeting, formal advice is not expected following the conclusion of the June 2024 Scientific Council meeting, however, an update on the new MSE process will be provided at this meeting. If exceptional circumstances are occurring, the WG-RBMS will provide guidance to the Scientific Council at this time.*

- 6. Progress on the MSE process for 3LN redfish**

*Progress on the Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) process for redfish in Divs. 3LN, including the finalization of the Candidate Management Procedures (CMPs), and the refinement of performance statistics, including risk tolerances and constraints, will be discussed. The workplan for the MSE process for 3LN redfish will also be reviewed and updated under this agenda item.*

- 7. Finalization of the revised Precautionary Approach Framework**

*As per the revised workplan of the NAFO PAF Revision (COM-SC RBMS-WP 23-19 Revised), the Scientific Council and PA-WG will present the results of the precautionary approach framework testing. The WG-RBMS will review the results of the testing and recommend a revised Precautionary Approach Framework to the Commission.*

- 8. Scientific Council workload**

*An update from the Informal Group to Reflect on the Workload of the Scientific Council will be provided under this agenda item.*

**9. Other Business**

*Any topics not covered by the agenda items above may be discussed under this agenda item.*

**10. Recommendations**

**11. Adoption of report**

**12. Adjournment**

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**Tentative Timetable\***

<b>Thursday, 08 August</b>	
08:30 – 09:00 hrs	Registration
09:00 – 12:00 hrs	Meeting
12:00 – 13:30 hrs	Lunch Break
13:30 – 18:00 hrs	Meeting
<b>Friday, 09 August</b>	
09:00 – 12:00 hrs	Meeting
12:00 – 13:30 hrs	Lunch Break
13:30 – 18:00 hrs	Meeting
<b>Saturday, 10 August</b>	
09:00 – 12:00 hrs	Meeting
12:00 – 13:30 hrs	Lunch Break
13:30 – 18:00 hrs	Meeting

*\*times are subject to change at decision of meeting*

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**General Information**

This meeting is being held back-to-back with the *NAFO Joint Commission–Scientific Council Working Group on Ecosystem Approach Framework to Fisheries Management (WG-EAFFM) Meeting*.

**1. Meeting Venue**

The meeting will be held at:

**Norwegian Directorate of Fisheries**  
Strandgaten 229  
5004 Bergen, NORWAY

**2. Hotel Accommodations**

There are a number of hotels in close proximity to the meeting venue. Reservations are to be made by participants directly with your preferred hotel.

**3. Virtual Participation**

For those Contracting Parties that are unable to attend the meeting in-person, virtual capabilities will be provided.

**4. Registration of Delegates**

In accordance with the NAFO Rules of Procedure, Contracting Parties are requested to notify the NAFO Secretariat, as far as possible in advance of the meeting, the names of their delegates who will attend.

This allows adequate time to create personalized SharePoint accounts and circulate virtual meeting invitations.

**5. Submission of Meeting Documentation**

To allow sufficient time to review before the meeting and to focus discussion during the meeting, Contracting Parties are strongly encouraged to provide meeting documentation **in advance** of the meeting for inclusion on the NAFO Meetings SharePoint.

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